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In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A lubricating shaving assembly comprising:

a grippable body having an upper end, a lower end, and one or more side walls extending between the upper and lower ends, said body including a storage reservoir for holding a shaving preparation, said storage reservoir being substantially enclosed by the upper and lower ends and the one or more side walls of said body;

the upper end of said body having a razor cartridge receiving area for having one or more razor cartridges attached to the receiving area, the upper end of said body further including a plurality of openings adjacent to and at least partially surrounding the razor cartridge receiving area and in communication with said storage reservoir; and

a pedestal disposed within said storage reservoir of said body, wherein said pedestal is selectively movable between the lower and upper ends of said body for dispensing the fluid shaving preparation through said plurality of openings at the upper end of said body.

2. (Original) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said shaving preparation is selected from the group consisting of fluid shaving preparations, semisolid shaving preparations and gels.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The shaving assembly as claimed in ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, further including one or more plurality of openings at the upper end of said body disposed within said razor cartridge receiving area.

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5. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said body further comprises one or more retaining tabs attachable to the upper end of said body for securing one or more razor cartridges within said razor cartridge receiving area.

6. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein said one or more retaining tabs are permanently attached to the upper end of said body.

7. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein said one or more retaining tabs are hingedly attached to the upper end of said body.

8. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 1, further comprising one or more razor cartridges attached to said razor cartridge receiving area.

9. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein each said razor cartridge includes one or more cutting blades having a longitudinal axis.

10. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein each said razor blade includes one or more wires, molded elements, or die cut elements extending in directions substantially transverse to the longitudinal axis of said one or more cutting blades.

11. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 10, wherein said one or more wires, molded elements or die cut elements overlie the one or more cutting blades.

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12. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein each said razor cartridge includes a mesh overlying the one or more cutting blades of said razor cartridge.

13. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein each said razor cartridge includes one or more razor blades in the form of a metal foil having a number of holes therein, each said hole having a peripheral portion having one or more cutting edges.

14. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein two razor cartridges are attached to the cartridge receiving area of said body, the one or more cutting blades of said two razor cartridges facing one another.

15. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the one or more razor cartridges are pivotally attached to the upper end of said body and within said cartridge receiving area.

16. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said movable 15 pedestal is connected to said body via a ratcheting mechanism.

17. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least a portion of said ratcheting mechanism is accessible at the exterior surface of said body.

18. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 17, said ratcheting 20 mechanism extends through an opening in the one or more side walls of said body.

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19. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 17, wherein said ratcheting mechanism includes a rotatable knob, a lever or a depressible button.

20. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an adjustable element in contact with the body and the movable pedestal for selectively moving said pedestal between the lower and upper ends of said body.

21. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 20, wherein the lower end of said body includes an opening for receiving at least a portion of said adjustable element.

22. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 21, wherein the adjustable element includes a rotatable shaft having a first end in contact with the pedestal and a second end that extends through the opening at the lower end of said body.

23. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 22, wherein said pedestal includes an opening having internal threads.

24. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein said adjustable element further comprises:

said shaft having external threads extending between the first and second ends thereof for engaging the internal threads of the opening of said pedestal, said shaft having a lower end that extends below the lower end of said body; and

a rotatable knob attached to the lower end of said shaft, wherein rotation of said rotatable knob rotates said shaft so that the external threads of said shaft engage

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the internal threads of the opening of said pedestal for moving said pedestal between the lower and upper ends of said body.

25. (Original) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said pedestal includes a top surface engagable with said fluid shaving preparation, and wherein movement of said pedestal toward the upper end of said body urges the fluid shaving preparation to pass through the plurality of openings at the upper end of said body.

26. (Original) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said body has a cap and a lower body portion.

27. (Original) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 26, wherein the cap comprises the upper end of said body, and the lower body portion includes the lower end of said body and the reservoir of said body.

28. (Original) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 27, wherein the cap is detachably secured to the lower body portion.

29. (Original) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 27, wherein one or more razor cartridges are permanently secured to the cap of said body.

30. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said body comprises a polymer material.

31. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said body comprises metal.

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32. (Currently Amended) A shaving assembly comprising:

a handle having an upper end, a lower end and a substantially enclosed storage reservoir between the upper and lower ends, said storage reservoir for holding a fluid shaving preparation;

the upper end of said handle having a razor cartridge receiving area for having one or more razor cartridges attached thereto, the upper end of said handle further including a plurality of openings adjacent to and at least partially surrounding the razor cartridge receiving area and in communication with said storage reservoir; and

a pedestal disposed within said storage reservoir and movable toward the upper end of said handle for urging the fluid shaving preparation through said plurality of openings.

33. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 32, further comprising one or more razor cartridges attached to the razor cartridge receiving area at the upper end of said handle.

34. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 33, wherein said one or more razor cartridges are pivotally attached to the cartridge receiving area.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Presented) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 32, further including one or more plurality of openings disposed within the razor cartridge receiving area at the upper end of said handle.

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37. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 32, wherein said movable pedestal is connected to said handle via a ratcheting mechanism accessible at an exterior surface of said handle.

38. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 32, further comprising an adjustable element in contact with the handle and the movable pedestal for selectively moving said pedestal toward the upper end of said handle.

39. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 38, wherein the adjustable element includes a rotatable shaft having a first end in contact with the pedestal and a second end that extends toward the lower end of said handle.

40. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 39, wherein said pedestal includes an opening having internal threads.

41. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 40, wherein said adjustable element further comprises:

said shaft having external threads extending between the first and second ends thereof for engaging the internal threads of the opening of said pedestal, said shaft having a lower end that extends toward the lower end of said handle; and

a rotatable knob attached to the lower end of said shaft, wherein rotation of said rotatable knob rotates said shaft so that the external threads of said shaft engage the internal threads of the opening of said pedestal for moving said pedestal between the lower and upper ends of said handle.

42. (Original) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 32, wherein said pedestal includes a top surface engagable with said fluid shaving preparation, and

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wherein movement of, said pedestal toward the upper end of said handle urges the fluid shaving preparation to pass through the plurality of openings at the upper end of said handle.

43. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 32, wherein the upper end of said handle is detachably secured to the lower end of said handle.

44. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in, claim 32, wherein said handle comprises a polymer material.

45. (Currently Amended) A lubricating shaving assembly comprising:

a dispenser having an upper end, a lower end, and side walls extending between the upper and lower ends, said dispenser including a storage reservoir for holding a fluid shaving preparation;

a cap removably secured to the upper end of said dispenser, wherein said storage reservoir is surrounded by the lower end and side walls of said dispenser and by said cap;

an upper end of said cap having a razor cartridge receiving area for having one or more razor cartridges secured within the receiving area, the upper end of said cap further including a plurality of apertures adjacent to and at least partially surrounding the razor cartridge receiving area and in communication with said storage reservoir; and

a pedestal disposed within said storage reservoir of said dispenser, wherein said pedestal is selectively movable toward said cap for dispensing fluid shaving preparation through said plurality of apertures at the upper end of said cap.

46. (Cancelled)

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47. (Previously Presented) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 45, further including at least one aperture at the upper end of said cap within the razor cartridge receiving area underlying the one or more razor cartridges secured within the razor cartridge receiving area for allowing said fluid shaving preparation to flow around said razor cartridges.

48. (Currently Amended) The shaving assembly as claimed in ~~claim 46~~ claim 45, wherein the razor cartridge receiving area includes one or more apertures at the upper end of said cap.

49. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 45, wherein said movable pedestal is connected to said dispenser via a ratcheting mechanism.

50. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 45, further comprising an adjustable element in contact with said dispenser and the movable pedestal for selectively moving said pedestal toward the cap of said assembly.

51. (Withdrawn) The shaving assembly as claimed in claim 45, wherein the adjustable element includes a rotatable shaft having a first end in contact with the pedestal and a second end that extends toward the lower end of said dispenser.